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Beaver Dam Management Plan Update

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The Kahnawà:ke Environment Protection Office (KEPO) and the Public Safety Division of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke are pleased to update the community on the progress of a new beaver management program aimed at reducing human-beaver conflicts while preserving critical wetland habitats.

To address areas where beaver activity negatively impacts infrastructure, KEPO has been installing devices such as culvert protectors and pond levelers. Culvert protectors ensure that water continues to flow through culverts even in the presence of beaver activity, while pond levelers are installed through existing beaver dams to manage ponded water. These measures help protect nearby homes and infrastructure while maintaining sufficient water levels to minimize disturbance to beavers and the surrounding ecosystem. To date, two pond levelers and one culvert protector have been installed, with additional installations planned for later this year.

In cases where culvert protectors or pond levelers are not feasible, relocation or trapping may be considered as a last resort if the risks cannot be managed by other means.

For more information or assistance with a beaver-related issue, please contact KEPO at **450-635-0600** or environmentprotection@mck.ca.